

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this patent application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-22 have been reviewed in light of all of the **PRIOR ART** cited by Applicant, and particularly in light of Huson et al. (6,526,734), Huson et al. (6,470,657), Huson (6,449,928), and Rosenthal et al. (4,745,726). Claims 1 and 15 have been cancelled, new Claims 23 and 24 have been inserted, and Claims 2-14 and 16-24 are therefore now active in this patent application.

The interview initiated by Examiner Sipos is hereby acknowledged and sincerely appreciated as a means for expediting the prosecution of this patent application toward allowance. During the course of the interview, it was initially noted to the Examiner that the connection means of the present invention comprised the lift cable 84 and the negator

springs 64,66, and that the control means of the present invention comprised the pawl mechanism 98. When a film wrapping operation is commenced, the operator lowers the film roll carriage 50, thereby elongating or expanding the negator springs 64,66. The negator springs 64,66 therefore want to contract back to their normal state, thereby normally biasing the film roll carriage 50 in the vertically upward direction. Thus, the vertically upward movement of the film roll carriage 50 is able to be controlled by means of the control means or pawl mechanism 98 as a result of the pawl mechanism 98 being disposed either at its **DISENGAGED** state with respect to the lift cable 84, which permits the film roll carriage 50 to move vertically upwardly under the biasing influence or force of the negator springs 64,66, or at its **ENGAGED** state with respect to the lift cable 84 which prevents the film roll carriage 50 from undergoing vertically upward movement under the biasing influence or force of the negator springs 64,66.

It was therefore respectfully submitted that new Claims 23 and 24 defined over the prior art noted by Examiner Sipos, that is, Huson et al. (6,526,734), Huson et al. (6,470,657), Huson (6,449,928), and Rosenthal et al.

(4,745,726), in that none of such references discloses the connection means comprising the lift cable 84 and the negator springs 64,66 connecting the film roll carriage 50 to the apparatus chassis framework, and none of the noted references discloses the control means comprising the pawl mechanism which is movable between the **DISENGAGED** and **ENGAGED** states with respect to the lift cable 84 so as to permit or prevent the vertically upward movement of the film roll carriage 50 under the influence or force of the negator springs 64,66.

In light of the foregoing, it was submitted and agreed that this patent application is now in condition for allowance, and therefore, an early and favorable action to this effect is now anticipated and awaited.

Respectfully Submitted,
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